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November/December 2000 Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department



Acting Technician Kevin Campbell (Station 11, B-Shift) and Firefighter Robert S. Browning (Station 29, B-Shift) are shown battling the three-alarm fire at Dogwood Elementary School, 12300 Glade Drive on November 27, 2000. The school was a complete loss and damages were estimated at approximately \$12 million. The fire continues to be under investigation.



Edward L. Stinnette

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From The Fire Chief . . .

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year. I would also be remiss if I didn't thank everyone for the hard work and dedicated service you provided to our citizens last year.

My topic of choice for this issue of *Line Copy* is our child safety seat program. The child safety seat program is a very visible program that meets an extremely important community need. As we have seen, approximately 90 percent of child safety seats are installed incorrectly. The more we have learned about the improper installation of child safety seats and its impact on child safety, the more aggressive our approach and involvement has become as a department. In the past two years, we have trained approximately 110 technicians, and committed a significant amount of other resources to this program. Our initial intent was to train and certify as many technicians as possible throughout the county so that citizens could have a seat correctly installed in a timely manner. The success we have achieved has not come without some concerns and challenges. I'm routinely asked at station visits what my priority to the program is, and how to alleviate some of our logistical and scheduling problems.

First, I want to reaffirm my commitment to the program. However, we need to tweak the way we do business a bit if the program is to continue to be viable and successful. The Public Information and Life Safety Education Section has made several recommendations that I believe will improve our ability to continue

providing this invaluable service. We will use a three-tiered approach in trying to overcome some of these problems. Hopefully, the recommendations will provide some relief to many of the problems you are now experiencing.

Our first tier will be to provide monthly child seat checkpoints throughout the year. This will be accomplished by certified off duty personnel. These check points will be rotated throughout the county at varying fire and rescue stations based upon need.

Next, we will identify six stations that will become designated "fitting" stations for the child safety seat program. It is at these stations where many of our citizens will have their child seats checked. Station selection will be based on current Child Passenger Seat (CPS) technician staffing levels and geographic location. In anticipation of the rumors that may surface, I do not plan on transferring large numbers of people in order to meet this need.

We also plan to provide information packages to stations to assist you and citizens to be better informed about the program. Hopefully, this will create a more user-friendly environment and provide better services overall.

The final tier consists of all station commanders developing a station policy that will specifically address how the program will operate at their station. This will include all stations, even those without assigned CPS technicians. The policy should include guidance on walk-ins and other scenarios that might be encountered. Specific guidance on implementing the program will soon be forthcoming. ❖

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From The Editor . . .



Candle fires continue to rise, not only nationally, but locally as well. In 1997, the most recent year for which data is available, there were 11,600 reported home candle fires, causing 156 deaths, 1,202 injuries, and more than \$171 million in direct property damage.

Fairfax County had 46 candle-related fires last year, resulting in one death, 14 injuries, and more than \$2.2 million in direct property damage. Many of these candle fires also caused the displacement of families and individuals from their homes and businesses.

In August, the Department launched a "Operation Candles with Care" media campaign. This initiative included the printing and distribution of bright yellow 3 by 5 information cards to local candle merchants as reminders for consumers to take the proper precautions when using candles.

As the campaign continues, we are now into our second printing of the cards. We would like station commanders to continue their vigilance of encouraging businesses that sell candles to get involved in raising the awareness

of the dangers associated with the improper use of candles.

This initiative has truly become a year-round campaign instead of

a seasonal challenge. As winter continues, so will candle misuse. It is up to everyone to help change the tide on this important life safety issue. For more information and cards, please call the Public Information and Life Safety Education Section at (703) 246-3801. ♦



Fire Safety and Candles

The use of open-flame candles can add ambience to a holiday, provide "warmth" to a home and be a source of light during power outages. For these and other reasons, a great number of consumers are burning candles. The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department would like to remind consumers that the improper use of candles can result in catastrophe. To avoid the dangers of fire while burning candles, please follow the safety tips listed below:

- **Never leave candles unattended**
- **Keep all combustible materials away from open flames**
- **Do not burn candles near windows or doorways**
- **Place candles in glass or ceramic containers**
- **Place candles on a flat, sturdy surface**
- **Never leave candles burning when children or pets are present**

For more fire safety information, call the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Public Information and Life Safety Education Section at 703-24246-3801 or visit us on the Web at <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/fire>



Upcoming Events

January 2001

- 27 Work Performance Evaluation, B-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- 29 Work Performance Evaluation, B-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- 31 Work Performance Evaluation, B-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970

February

- 1 Fire Chief's Station Visit, Station 4
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388
- 3 EEO Training
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(Captain I & Lieutenant)
Contact: Captain Sweatt
(703) 246-3960
- 6 NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Seat
Installation Class
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Renee Stilwell
(703) 246-3801
- 7 NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Seat
Installation Class
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Renee Stilwell
(703) 246-3801
- 8 Fire Chief's Station Visit, Station 5
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Contact: Battalion Chief Johnson
(703) 246-4388
- NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Seat
Installation Class
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Renee Stilwell
(703) 246-3801
- 9 NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Seat
Installation Class
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Renee Stilwell
(703) 246-3801
- 12 Work Performance Evaluation, C-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- 13 Work Performance Evaluation, A-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970

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Three-Alarm School Fire in Reston

*By Battalion Chief Glenn P. Benarick
Battalion 4, B-Shift*

I was working as the acting Operations Deputy Chief on November 2, 2000. It was late, and I was thinking how quiet it had been because I had not run many incidents during my tour. That was about to change in a very big way.

Box 3110 was transmitted at 10:36 p.m. as a fire in an elementary school at 12300 Glade Drive, the Dogwood Elementary School. I was still listening to the radio and thought it odd that the dispatcher said there was a report of fire coming from the roof of the school. That type of information in dispatch text is fairly unusual. That information turned out to be an understatement when Ambulance 431 arrived on the scene at 10:40 p.m. and reported heavy fire showing from the rear of the school. A second alarm was transmitted at 10:43 p.m. followed by the third alarm at 11:05 p.m.

The Dogwood Elementary School was 25 years old and approximately 300 feet by 300 feet. The building was not sprinklered and contained a great deal of open space. There were two temporary classroom buildings adjacent to side four that were not damaged.

As with any incident, regardless of size, if the right decisions are made early on, the incident seems to run fairly well, from a command perspective. This was the case with Dogwood. Battalion 401 arrived at 10:42 p.m., assumed command and immediately declared a defensive operation.

Captain II Christopher M. Peterson (Station 12, B-Shift) was the acting battalion chief in Battalion 2 and immediately realized upon completing his size-up that committing any company inside was too great of a risk. Since the school was large in area and the bulk of the fire was in the rear, it might have been tempting to try and initiate an aggressive interior attack through side one. At 10:47 p.m., just 11 minutes after dispatch

and seven minutes after the arrival of the first units, reports were transmitted that the roof was collapsing. Given this fact and the amount of fire, it would have been too risky to commit companies to the inside of the school.

The first arriving engine companies, recognizing the size of the fire, laid dual supply lines. This would later become critical. If dual lines had not been laid early on, we would have had a significant water supply problem because of the vast amount of water delivered. As it turned out, we requested that the Water Authority boost the pressure in the area to better cope with the high water demands.

The ladder companies selected advantageous positions for elevated stream operations. The driver of Tower 436 was able to negotiate his rig over the curb in the rear and down to an open area on side three. This provided a position of advantage to attack the fire in the rear.

Because of an effective deployment by the units of the first alarm assignment, it was easy to support their positions with incoming resources and establish additional positions. Other key assignments during the incident included:

- The captain of Rescue Engine 425 directed the operations on side two, which involved the ladder pipe operation with Truck 425.
- The Support Services Deputy Chief was placed in command of sector three, directing the operation of Tower 436.
- Battalion 402 was given sector four, operating with two deluge sets and protecting the two temporary classrooms.
- Battalion 403 commanded sector one with Engine 415 (Squirt), Truck 429 and Tower 430. The Operations Chief would later take command of this sector. This allowed Battalion 403 to deploy in the bucket of Tower 430, which provided valuable information about the

condition of the roof and helped to direct the ladder pipes.

- A water supply officer was appointed to determine the location for additional layouts to cope with increasing water demands. Calculations indicated that ten master stream devices were used and delivered 6,000-7,000 gallons per minute for 7-8 hours for an approximate total flow of 2.5 million gallons of water.

Damage was obviously extensive since we could not attempt an interior attack, and the collapse of the roof made applying water to all areas of the fire extremely difficult. The building became a total loss with a damage estimate of \$12 million. An extensive overhaul operation commenced the following day under the supervision of the Fire Investigations Section. Large cranes were brought in to remove sections of the roof. Currently, the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Lessons Learned/Reinforced

1. There is no substitute for laying dual lines at fires in large buildings.
2. Know the risk model and apply it:

We will risk ourselves a lot to save saveable lives.

We will risk ourselves a little to save saveable property.

We will not risk ourselves at all to save what is already lost.

(This fire clearly fell into the last risk category.)

3. Appoint sector commanders and support their needs.
4. Prepare for the media. At large fires, especially involving properties such as schools, they will be there in force.
5. Personnel accountability is still an issue, even in defensive operations.
6. Elevated streams operated from tower ladders are more versatile than from aerial ladders.

7. In order to be effective, a firefighter must be placed on the tip of an aerial ladder to direct the stream from a ladder pipe.

8. Master streams are more effective through smooth bore tips.

9. All tower ladders, squirts, deck guns and ladder pipes should be running

with a smooth bore device mounted. On those rare occasions when a variable stream is required, the change can be made at that time.

10. Even with their limitations, the three engines outfitted with squirts can be a valuable tool.

11. Even though an exterior attack is underway, SCBA may still be required.

Upcoming Events

- 17 Recruitment CPAT Test
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Recruitment
(703) 246-3939
- 19 Washington's Birthday
- 20 Work Performance Evaluation, A-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
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Acknowledgments

Special recognition and appreciation goes out to all the companies that deployed to this fire. The long hours that personnel worked, their quick thinking, and the valiant effort put forth without sustaining any injuries, was amazing. The Logistics Section was on-scene early and provided us with the necessary resources, including breakfast. Captain II James Ault (EMS-1) and Technician Carolyn Ruwe (OPS-6) ran the command post flawlessly. All sector commanders provided the Incident Commander with timely, meaningful updates. The Public Information Office was on-scene early and remained throughout the night, effectively dealing with the media and the School Board. Scotty Boatright obtained some tremendous pictures, which were used during the critique.

The Post Incident Analysis, which will address several aspects of this fire in greater depth, will be available soon. ❖



Fire & Rescue Digest Show

The Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Digest Show is currently airing on Fairfax County Government Channel 16. The 33rd show will run the next several months, and can be seen every Tuesday at 12 p.m. Current show presentations are featuring the following:

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| 1. Child Safety Seat Program. | 5. Carbon Monoxide Detectors. |
| 2. Fireplace Ashes. | 6. Family Fire Escape Planning. |
| 3. Candle With Care Program. | 7. Firefighter of the Year. |
| 4. Alternative Heating. | |



Captain I Tyrone J. Harrington of the Mount Vernon Fire and Rescue Station received the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce "Firefighter of the Year" award at a ceremony on December 19, 2000. The award is presented to a Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department employee based on recommendations from chief officers and co-workers. Captain Harrington's commitment and involvement in community outreach efforts, including the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program, Adopt-A-Family, and smoke detector distribution has been outstanding. Pictured left to right are: Battalion Chief Elliott H. Rubino (BC06, C-Shift), Captain I Tyrone J. Harrington (Station 9, C-Shift), Sandy Liddy Bourne (President, Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce), and Fire and Rescue Department Chaplain W. Grant McIntosh.



Recruitment kicks-off the Candidate Physical Abilities Test on December 15 and 16, 2000, at the Fire and Rescue Academy. Lieutenant Toney E. Biller (Station 36, A-Shift) watches an applicant negotiate the course.

100th Recruit School



Front row, left to right: Firefighter Jason M. Roberts, Firefighter Kyung S. Ha, Firefighter Sherry L. Rickard, Firefighter James P. Reardon, Firefighter Michael O. Feaster, Firefighter Brian P. Moore, Firefighter Bill C. Betz, and Firefighter Keith E. Curriden. Back row, left to right: Firefighter Todd I. Barb, Firefighter Mathew C. Barnhart, Firefighter Gerald D. Butler, Firefighter Eric D. McLaughlin, Firefighter Christopher W. Barnes, Firefighter Michael R. Zdunski, Firefighter Vincent L. Boyle, Firefighter Robin M. Lotz, Firefighter Wayne C. Garland, Firefighter Kenneth G. Geffen, Firefighter Michael D. Miller, Firefighter Jorge A. Arce, Firefighter Wilbur L. Willingham Jr., Firefighter Claude V. Person, and Firefighter Timothy O. Barb

101st Recruit School



Front row, left to right: Firefighter Gregory B. Affeldt, Firefighter Juan C. Ayala, Firefighter Mark F. Anderson, Firefighter Stefan S. Dedes, Firefighter Thomas A. Kidd, Firefighter Timothy J. Pais, Firefighter Naftali T. Jacob, Firefighter Erik A. Rhodes, Firefighter Christopher T. Bell. Back row, left to right: Firefighter Robert J. Sweeney, Firefighter Antjuan Proctor, Firefighter Stephanie E. Seeley, Firefighter Adam P. Lieb, Firefighter Alison S. Jaquays, Firefighter David A. Hessler, Firefighter Minh L. Thai, Firefighter Mark A. Fernandez, Firefighter David P. Saunders, Firefighter Chad W. Smith, Firefighter Gary P. Thompson, Firefighter Christopher H. Williams, Firefighter Robert A. Adeleke, Firefighter Roosevelt Carson Jr., Firefighter Jeffrey L. Ware, and Firefighter William J. Lamont III.

Hot Shots



Three-Alarm Fire . . . Firefighters arriving on the scene of the fire at 3100 South Manchester Street found heavy fire in a ground level floor apartment. Firefighter Terrance L. Fayson (Station 30, B-Shift) begins overhaul. Investigators determined the cause of the fire to be the misuse of candles.



Units from Station's 15, 36, and 17 responded to an abandoned house fire on Route 50 near Pleasant Valley Road, assisting units from Loudoun County. Photo by Sheldon Levi (PH421).



Master Technician James D. Wilson (Station 21, B-Shift) fights the Dogwood Elementary School fire from the rear of the structure. The school was a completely destroyed resulting in a \$12 million loss.



The lone occupant escaped the fire after his dog (German Shepherd) pulled on his shirt to wake him. The home was located at 12901 Steuben Drive in the Centreville area. Damage was estimated at \$300,000. The cause of the fire was determined to be a fireplace chimney. Photo by Sheldon Levi (PH421).



Fire in the fireplace caused \$100,000 in damage to a two-story single-family home at 5310 Broad Brook Court in the Centreville area. A family of five was displaced. Photo by Sheldon Levi (PH421).

Fire Science Program Goes Online, More to Come



By Nelson Dunston, Acting Fire Science Coordinator
Northern Virginia Community College

The Fire Science Program at Northern Virginia Community College–Annandale Campus offers an Associates in Applied Science Degree in Fire Science Administration. Last year, the Fire Science Program began offering online/distant learning courses. We began by offering one course online, Emergency Service Administration, and then offered Emergency Service Supervision. We now have included Hazardous Materials Response and Fire Officer I. Next semester, we plan to include Hazardous Materials Fundamentals and hopefully Fire Hydraulics and Fire and Risk Analysis. We believe offering courses online provide an added dimension for the average fire science student. Other advantages of taking courses online include:

- The students that make up the fire science

program are recent high school graduates, students in the fire protection field, and career and volunteer firefighters. Students are primarily from the Northern Virginia community. Many students must travel several hours to make it to the classes. Offering the online courses enables the student to complete the course from the comfort of their homes.

- Many of our students are firefighters on rotating shift schedules. The online courses allow those students who may miss a class because of work to make up assignments and discussion via the Internet.

Feedback from local jurisdictions has been positive from both students and the fire academy staff. We hope to eventually give students the option of taking more of their fire science courses online. ♦

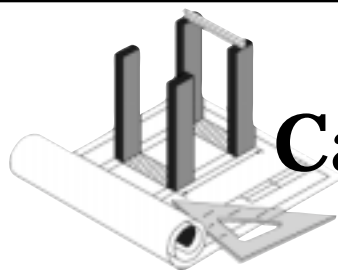
Combined Charitable Campaign Soars

By Assistant Chief Mark S. Wheatley
Operations

As the 2000 Combined Charitable Campaign began, Local 2068 and the Department combined their efforts to ensure that this year's Campaign was a success. New goals were set. We wanted to break \$100,000 in total contributions and raise the level of participation above 50 percent department wide. The 2000 Fire and Rescue Campaign Team consisting of Technician Rick Atkins (Station 27, B-Shift), Captain I Mike Mohler (Relief, A-Shift), Captain I Philip Pommerening (Station 9, B-Shift), Captain I Craig Summers, (Station 29, B-Shift) and Captain II Clayton Thompson (Station 9, B-Shift) spent several weeks making presentations at each of the stations, headquarters, the Academy, and other work locations. Local 2068 arranged to fund dinner for each of the stations that had 100 percent participation. The shift Deputy Chiefs joined in and agreed to show off their culinary skills by preparing dinner for the most generous station with 100 percent participation on their respective shifts. I pledged to work a 24-hour shift for a participating member whose name was drawn from a hat.

This combined effort worked. The 2000 campaign broke all records.

- Over \$111,530 was pledged by 667 Department members.
 - Sixty-two of the Department's work locations qualified for an All Star Campaign Award from the Fairfax-Falls Church United Way.
 - The Apparatus Shop and a record number of station/shifts had 100 percent participation, including:
A-Shift: Station 13, Dunn Loring \$208 avg., Station 14, Burke \$102 avg., Station 15, Chantilly \$174 avg., Station 37, Kingstowne \$119 avg., and Station 38, West Centreville \$100 avg. **B-Shift:** Station 15, Chantilly \$174 avg., Station 18, Jefferson \$188 avg., Station 19, Lorton \$176 avg., Station 20, Gunston \$118 avg., Station 26, Edsall Road \$149 avg. **C-Shift:** Station 9, Mt. Vernon \$178 avg., Station 23, West Annandale \$146 avg., and Station 32, Burke Centre \$141 avg.
- The 2000 Combined Charitable Campaign was an achievement that surpassed everyone's expectations. Thanks to all members who made this campaign a success. ♦



Capital Improvement Projects

Burke, Station 14 (9501 Old Burke Lake Road): Construction of a 26,000 square foot volunteer fire and rescue station and community hall began December 1999. Anticipated move-in date for station personnel is mid-March 2001 with a completion date of May 2001. The project is approximately 75 percent complete.

North Point, Station 39 (1117 Reston Avenue): Construction of a new 14,000 square foot fire and rescue station began January 2000. Anticipated completion date is February 2001. The station is approximately 88 percent complete.

West Springfield, Station 27 (6140 Rolling Road): Renovation of the station's interior, and the addition of a new bay and enlarged women's bunk area are part of the West Springfield Government Center Addition/Renovation project. Anticipate the notice-to-proceed in February/March 2001 with completion in February 2003.

Station Safety Improvements: Installation of diesel exhaust extraction systems in county stations, as well as the installation of full sprinkler systems in two stations. The project was divided into three phases, with Phases I and II complete. Phase III will be advertised for bid February 2001.

Newington Apparatus Garage (69000 Newington Road): Construction of a 19,000 square foot apparatus shop and apparatus storage facility. Bid advertising in February 2001 with notice-to-proceed April 2001. Anticipated completion date is December 2001.

West Ox Apparatus Garage (4620 West Ox Road): Construction of a

1,000 square foot storage facility. Construction date to be determined.

Oakton, Station 34 (10511 Rosehaven Street): Construction of a 1,000 square foot storage room addition. Construction to begin February 2001 with a completion date of November 2001.

Crosspointe Station Site (Hampton Road and Ox Road): Selection process is complete, with purchase of site currently under negotiation. A 10,000 square foot fire and rescue station will be constructed at this site. A 2232 Public Hearing will be held summer 2001.

Top 10 Activity Report

October - December 2000

Ambulance		Engine Company		Rescue Company	
<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>
A 413	585	E 413	759	R 401	392
A 410	527	E 429	757	R 418	390
A 408	526	E 404	750	R 421	381
A 430	517	E 410	731	R 426	369
A 409	508	E 409	730	R 411	314
A 436	453	E 401	701	R 414	255
A 428	447	E 421	688	R 419	212
A 411	442	E 422	683		
A 414	437	E 408	682		
A 434	427	E 411	641		
Medic		Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains		Ladder Company	
<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>
M 418	802	EMS4	500	T 425	445
M 425	712	EMS5	419	T 429	397
M 422	667	EMS6	350	T 410	381
M 404	660	EMS1	343	T 430	302
M 410	633	EMS2	316	T 405	295
M 421	629	EMS3	276	T 436	284
M 426	625	BC 04	227	T 408	260
M 429	624	BC 05	225	T 411	259
M 408	610	BC 06	211	T 401	257
M 401	587	BC 02	174	T 438	214

Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call to be included in an event history file. A unit add-on is not considered a dispatch. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.

Community Outreach Highlights



Captain II Gary W. Winemiller (Station 27, C-Shift) organized a pilot program for child safety for Virginia Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC). The program places millions of young children in a variety of settings away from family members. The program explores first aid and injury prevention to assist teenagers as they spend time with young children. Lieutenant Timothy R. Jeter (Station 27, A-Shift) (above) and Lieutenant Edward G. Dodson (Station 27, C-Shift) (not pictured) teach child safety to students at Washington Irving Middle School.



Santa arrived via FX01 to wish burn survivors and their families a merry Christmas. The annual event, sponsored by Aluminum Cans For Burned Children (ACBC), was held at the mini-golf in Centreville on December 2, 2000. Firefighters and other program supporters were on hand to help with the festivities.

Arrests/Petitions

Date: 10/09/00 **Box:** 3800 **Address:** 14794 Truitt Farm Road **Type:** Outside **Narrative:** Fire Investigators charged two juveniles with setting an outside fire. Both defendants must complete 50 hours of community service and attend the Firestop Program.

Date: 10/12/00 **Box:** 1405 **Address:** 9200 Burke Lake Road **Type:** School **Narrative:** Fire Investigators charged one juvenile with activating a false alarm. A trial date is pending.

Date: 10/30/00 **Box:** 2608 **Address:** 7308 Inzer Street **Type:** Outside **Narrative:** Fire Investigators charged two juveniles with setting an outside fire. The defendants were ordered to pay restitution, attend the Firestop Program, and complete 50 hours community service.

Date: 10/26/00 **Box:** 0943 **Address:** 3913 Woodhue Place **Type:** Vehicle **Narrative:** Fire Investigators charged one juvenile with carelessly damaging property by fire. A court date is pending.

Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 10/01/00 **Box:** 1201 **Address:** 332 Spring Vale Road **Type:** Commercial
Cause: Accidental-Electrical **Value:** \$1,000,000 **Loss:** \$250,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 10/04/00 **Box:** 2503 **Address:** 9721 Days Farm Drive **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Spontaneous Ignition **Value:** \$375,000 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 10/17/00 **Box:** 3413 **Address:** 3256 Fox Mill Road **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Electrical **Value:** \$500,000 **Loss:** \$150,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 10/21/00 **Box:** 3512 **Address:** 7816 Gingerbread Lane **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Electrical **Value:** \$350,000 **Loss:** \$200,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 10/24/00 **Box:** 2707 **Address:** 6014 Sherborn Lane **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Electrical **Value:** \$290,000 **Loss:** \$267,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 10/29/00 **Box:** 0815 **Address:** 4900 Sunset Lane **Type:** House
Cause: Undetermined **Value:** \$140,000 **Loss:** \$140,000 **Status:** Open

Date: 10/29/00 **Box:** 3505 **Address:** 7304 Eggar Woods Lane **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Electrical **Value:** \$255,000 **Loss:** \$75,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 10/29/00 **Box:** 1802 **Address:** 2821 Mary Street **Type:** Commercial
Cause: Accidental-Electrical **Value:** \$1,000,000 **Loss:** \$150,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 11/02/00 **Box:** 4407 **Address:** 1303 Bayshire Lane **Type:** House **Cause:** Incendiary
Value: \$177,615 **Loss:** \$80,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 11/03/00 **Box:** 1304 **Address:** 7704 Marshall Heights Court **Type:** Townhouse
Cause: Accidental-Electrical **Value:** \$1,060,000 **Loss:** \$780,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 11/16/00 **Box:** 2500 **Address:** 1630 Valencia Way **Type:** Townhouse
Cause: Accidental-Smoking **Value:** \$120,000 **Loss:** \$75,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 11/21/00 **Box:** 1404 **Address:** 6039 Liberty Bell Court **Type:** Townhouse
Cause: Accidental-Cooking **Value:** \$130,000 **Loss:** \$80,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 11/24/00 **Box:** 0814 **Address:** 7808 Bristow Drive **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Fireplace Ashes **Value:** \$200,000 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 11/27/00 **Box:** 1811 **Address:** 12300 Glade Drive **Type:** School
Cause: Under Investigation **Value:** \$12,000,000 **Loss:** \$12,000,000 **Status:** Open

Date: 11/29/00 **Box:** 322 **Address:** 10513 Dillard Court **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Candle **Value:** \$188,370 **Loss:** \$70,000 **Status:** Closed

Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 12/02/00 **Box:** 3901 **Address:** 11901 Plantation Drive **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Electrical **Value:** \$625,000 **Loss:** \$250,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 12/03/00 **Box:** 2703 **Address:** 7741 Tiverton Drive **Type:** Townhouse
Cause: Incendiary **Value:** \$144,160 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 12/08/00 **Box:** 1707 **Address:** 12901 Steuben Place **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Chimney **Value:** \$300,000 **Loss:** \$300,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 12/11/00 **Box:** 3706 **Address:** 8316 Accotink Road **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Chimney **Value:** \$123,000 **Loss:** \$80,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 12/11/00 **Box:** 1912 **Address:** 9108 Dolsiegrove Drive **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Electrical **Value:** \$220,000 **Loss:** \$150,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 12/11/00 **Box:** 0942 **Address:** 7402 Vernon Square #101 **Type:** Apartment
Cause: Accidental-Electrical **Value:** \$1,200,000 **Loss:** \$125,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 12/12/00 **Box:** 3602 **Address:** 2465 Old Silo Court **Type:** Townhouse
Cause: Accidental-C&M **Value:** \$160,000 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 12/15/00 **Box:** 0111 **Address:** 2005 Pimmit Drive **Type:** House
Cause: Under Investigation **Value:** \$100,000 **Loss:** \$80,000 **Status:** Open

Date: 12/16/00 **Box:** 1900 **Address:** 7647 Highland Woods **Type:** Apartment
Cause: Accidental-Candle **Value:** \$2,500,000 **Loss:** \$60,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 12/17/00 **Box:** 2807 **Address:** 3100 South Manchester Street **Type:** Condo
Cause: Accidental-Candle **Value:** \$17,000,000 **Loss:** \$80,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 12/22/00 **Box:** 3605 **Address:** 2933 Ashdown Forest Drive **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Fireplace Ashes **Value:** \$360,000 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 12/26/00 **Box:** 0147 **Address:** 1537 Longfellow Street **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Plumbers Torch **Value:** \$230,000 **Loss:** \$80,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 12/28/00 **Box:** 2200 **Address:** 6641 Ridgeway Drive **Type:** House
Cause: Accidental-Electrical **Value:** \$200,000 **Loss:** \$120,000 **Status:** Closed

Problem is spelled O-P-P-O-R-T-U-N-I-T-Y.

Fairfax County Firefighters Take Second Place in the Metro-Rail Rodeo Competition



Representing Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department in the 2000 Metro-Rail Rodeo Competition from left to right are: Firefighter Kyung S. Ha, Technician Michael C. Nelson, Lieutenant Tony C. Kostecka, and Firefighter Mark P. Menton

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority hosted its Fourth Annual Fire Department Metro-Rail Rodeo on Saturday, November 4, 2000. The event took place at the Greenbelt Service and Inspection Facility in Greenbelt, Maryland.

Fire department personnel from the McLean Fire and Rescue Station represented the Department in this year's event and took second place. Lieutenant Tony C. Kostecka, Technician Michael C. Nelson, Firefighter Mark P. Menton, and Kyung S. Ha (Engine 401, A-Shift), represented the four-member team in the Fourth Annual Fire Department Metro-Rail Rodeo. The team competed against Arlington, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties, City of Alexandria, and the District of Columbia.

Each participating jurisdiction sent one fire suppression unit to represent its organization in the competition. The events included: searching smoke-filled trains and buses, familiarization of rail cars, and using Metro-Rail devices, simulating real life situations.

The competition was developed to test firefighter's skills and endurance, and to build on the camaraderie that has been a tradition in the fire service. ♦

Taking Up



**Captain II
Francis J. Teevan**

Entry Date: August 18, 1975

Retirement Date: November 3, 2000

Assignments: Station 8, 9, 11, 19, EMS3-B, Resource Management Section, and Fire Prevention Division.

Likes about the Fire Department: I really felt that I was doing something to help people. The Department gave me security and a sense of well being. I enjoyed doing the job.

Will miss about the Fire Department: All the good people that have been kind and understanding along the way.

Plans for the future: Project management for a large fire protection company. Spend time with my family, continue to do good work, help put my daughters through college and grad school. Continue my education and slow down a little.

Words of wisdom: I treasure my time with the Department, but I have felt for sometime I was ready to move on. My family's love and support have carried me through and with God's help we will be together through this new adventure.

What got you interested in the fire service? It was an opportunity for a New York kid to have a life in a new place and be of service.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Carl Maurice, Hugh Wood, Bob Spoone, Jack Brown, Marty Smith, Pat Devlin, Geoff MacNamara, and so many others. Thank you all and thank you to the members of the Fire Prevention Division.

Retirements

Technician Stephen E. Larrick
April 29, 1974 - November 17, 2000

Master Technician Paul D. Lof
May 21, 1979 - December 29, 2000

Technician Ralph L. Murray
July 21, 1975 - December 29, 2000

Lieutenant Terry L. Reid
December 8, 1969 - December 15, 2000

Captain II Francis J. Teevan
August 18, 1975 - November 3, 2000

Master Technician
Christopher J. Walker
July 21, 1975 - December 29, 2000



Anniversaries

5 Years

Technician Joshua T. Allison
Firefighter Rocco Alvaro
Technician Rony E. Avalos
Scotty W. Boatright,
Information Officer I
Technician Brian A. Bonifas
Firefighter John L. Boyer
Lieutenant Kenneth L. Coffelt
Technician Larry M. Cuffee
Technician Charles J. Epps
Firefighter John A. Fleming
Firefighter Scott E. Herbert
Firefighter John M. Hoffman
Technician Philip A. Jenkins
Firefighter Joseph V. Kovalsky
Technician Corey A. Matthews
Technician G. Brian Mayhugh
Technician John P. McDonell
Technician Jeffrey W. Murray
Firefighter James E. Pfister
Technician Barry J. Rathbone
Technician Daniel D. Shaw
Firefighter Glenn M. Snyder
Technician Erick L. Weinzapfel
Technician Anita J. Whitfield

25 Years

Captain I Ronald Deskins

30 Years

Lieutenant Frank W. Geiger
Captain I Roger D. Souders

New Hires

Ruqiya Akhdar
Carmen Alessi
Virginia Birchett
Cory Cochran
Pamela Dailey
Clyde David
Douglas Dietrichson
Raymond Foster
Jamers Furman
Binokhar Harris
Phillip Jaramillo
Eric Kave
Cory Key
William Lynch
John Macinyak
Patricia Moats
Jorge Ochaita
Jennifer Poppino
Dana Powers
Michael Rosier
Stephen Shapiro
Elton Short
James Sindlinger
Jeffrey Tincher
Jason Updegraff
Stephan Urban
Susan Varholy
Bryant Wiggins
Carlton Yancey
Lamonte Young



Station Profile

Jefferson Fire and Rescue Station #18

Captain II
Jerome A. Roussillon
Station Commander

Station constructed: October 15, 1955

Station specialty: Technical Rescue and Urban Search and Rescue

Square miles in first due area: 7.1

Specific hazardous/target areas: Fairfax Hospital, Exxon/Mobil Headquarters, Northern Virginia Mental Health, Marriott Hotel, Falls Church High School, E-Systems/Raytheon, Schirmer's Pool Supply.

Total calls in 2000: 5,059

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, rescue company, medic Technical Rescue Support Unit, Urban Search and Rescue Tractor Trailer, and Technical Rescue Collapse P.O.D.

Station personnel: A-Shift: Captain II Jerome A. Roussillon, Lieutenant David P. Conrad, Lieutenant Jason R. Jenkins, Lieutenant Matthew J. Nacy, Master Technician Christian A. Bastin, Master Technician Thomas J. Griffin, Master Technician Kent E. Watts, Technician Michael B. Davis, Technician Andrew J. Hubert, Technician Roderick J. Schmidt, and Technician Rex E. Strickland.

B-Shift: Captain I Bernard D. Bickham, Lieutenant Jon P. Bruley, Lieutenant Craig S. Luecke, Lieutenant Gerard J. Morrison, Master Technician John Chabal, Technician Kevin R. Dabney, Technician Joseph D. Merritt, Technician Stephen T. O'Brien, Technician Mark J. Plunkett, and Technician James A. Potter. **C-Shift: Captain I Gary B. Bunch**, Lieutenant John M. Cheseck, Lieutenant William G. Reedy, Lieutenant Ronald C. Sacra, Master Technician Michael A. Istvan, Master Technician Michael J. Stone, Technician Barry A. Anderson, Technician Thomas R. Barnes, Technician Thomas R. Carver, Technician Dean A. Scott, Technician Donald C. Booth, and Firefighter Annette LaGuardia.

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